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Japanese Utility Model Patent Application No. 51-163501-U discloses a pair of pumps arranged in a circuit as seen in Figure 1. This publication was cited in the International search report as the entire text being relevant to claims 1-4.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 53-50502 discloses a plurality of pumps arranged in a circuit as seen in Figures 1 and 2. This publication was cited in the International search report as in Figure 1 being relevant to claims 1-4.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 53-50504 discloses a plurality of pumps arranged in a circuit as seen in Figure 1. This publication was cited in the International search report as the entire text being relevant to claims 1-4.

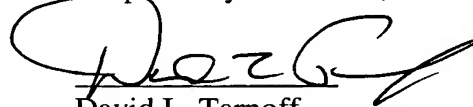
Japanese Utility Model Patent Application No. 60-100594-U discloses a pair of pumps arranged in a circuit as seen in Figures 1 and 2. This publication was cited in the International search report as Figures 1 and 2 being relevant to claims 1-4.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 04-92708 discloses a fluid pressure feeding circuit as seen in Figure 1. This publication was cited in the International search report as in Figure 1 being relevant to claims 1-4. An English abstract is also provided to understand this publication

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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